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MEMORANDUM FOR : Deputy Director for Intelligence  
FROM : Director, Economic Research  
SUBJECT : OER Interface with NIOs

1. Responding to your request, we have brought the records together on our contacts with the NIOs since November 1973. It shows that even in the absence of an NIO for Economics, OER resources have provided extensive support to the NIOs in finished production, formal meetings and the KEP. The recorded data alone, however, significantly understate the OER-NIO interface, especially in energy matters.

2. Production for NIOs. We produced 27 S-projects through 19 March 1974 on which an NIO was formally either the original requester or the channel for passing to the final consumer (Tab A). These accounted for some 470 manhours and involved seven NIOs, most heavily those for the Middle East, East Europe, and Latin America:

<u>NIO</u>	<u>No. of Projects</u>	<u>Manhours</u>
SEA	10	80
ME	6*	153
EE	4	101
LA	3	104
EN	2	14
FE	1	15
D/DCI	<u>1</u>	<u>4</u>
Totals	27	471

Note: A qualification is in order regarding these projects. Many do not represent production that was the result of NIO initiative or that would not have been produced in the absence of the NIOs, for example, reports produced for the NSC as original requester.

\* Including the OER Contribution to SNIE 30-74, "The Implications of a Reopened Suez Canal." No OER contributions to NIAMs were produced for the NIOs.

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a. Production on energy. Although practically all of our large output on international oil and other energy-related matters closely supports the NIO/EN, very little of it appears in the formal records on NIO support. This is the case because of the special relationship between this Office and the NIO/EN. [ ] is Jim Critchfield's alternate, and they are in daily contact. They both attend most of the meetings of important inter-agency energy committees in which CIA participates, and each is thoroughly familiar with the needs of such principal customers as FEO and NSC. There has been no need therefore to serve the consumers through a formal NIO channel. Nonetheless, it is fair to say that OER manhours expended on energy-related matters considerably exceeded the total for formal S-project support to all NIOs cited in the tabulation above.

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b. Other production. Whenever an OER report -- from an S-project to an IB -- is relevant to a given NIO's field of interest, he is sent a copy.

3. Formal meetings. Several division and branch chiefs have been attending more or less regular meetings called and chaired by five of the NIO's:

<u>NIO</u>	<u>Meetings</u>	<u>Principal OER Representative</u>
SEA	Weekly	Division chief
ME	2 times Month average	Division chief
EE	Weekly	Division chief
LA	Weekly	Division chief
WE	Monthly	2 Branch chiefs

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4. KEP. OER has spent an estimated 60 manhours on KIQ Base Line reports for the NIO's. This has involved several of our division and branch chiefs (Tab B).

  
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Attachments

Tab A

Tab B

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